

Please do not work ahead on this bellringer—complete only one section per day.

Monday:

Label each sentence as Compound, Complex, or Compound-Complex.

- _____ 1. When I was in the checkout lane at the store, I realized I forgot my purse.
- _____ 2. Even though I had a cart full of groceries, I needed to run to my car, but I soon realized my purse was at home.
- _____ 3. I was very embarrassed, and I left my cart at the store because I needed to go get my purse, so I could pay for the groceries.
- _____ 4. I arrived back at the store in record time, so I could pay for all the groceries.

Tuesday:

Create three compound-complex sentences, and highlight the dependent marker words, coordinating conjunctions, and commas in three different colors.

1. IND IND DEP

2. DEP IND IND

3. DEP IND IND DEP

Wednesday:

Highlight (or circle) the correctly punctuated sentences below, and fix the incorrect sentences (Remember—independent clauses need a subject *and* a verb—there are some tricky ones**):**

1. When I finished breakfast, I went outside and found a lost dog, so I helped it find its owner.
2. The stapler is being obstinate but when I yelled at it for a bit it became more cooperative.
3. My cat likes to play with the remote control when we are not home, and she often bats it under the couch, or into some other hard-to-reach place.
4. Bob dropped the cell phone in the pool, but he made Joan dive for it because she was already in the pool.

Thursday:

Label the clauses below as IND or DEP.

Brian Williams has been suspended from NBC News for 6 months after he misrepresented events in his original news report from 2003. The damage to the anchor's credibility proved too extensive to keep his job, but his return will likely be up to the viewers. Journalism experts and coworkers of Williams have said that he is very entertaining in front of younger viewers, and because of this, he felt the need to exaggerate the truth to make his reports more entertaining. Because of the demand for the news to be entertaining, some argue that it is not completely Williams' fault for exaggerating the truth.

Friday

Put commas in the appropriate places in the paragraph below. (Hint: 9 are missing)

It is often difficult to determine what is true. However when we look for the truth there are things that we can do to help. For instance it is helpful to recognize where information is coming from and when we check for biases we should look for both sides to the story. Sometimes the media will exaggerate the truth and that can make it difficult for the public to see only the facts. Therefore when information is not clear miscommunication can result and this can cause lies and confusion to spread.